

AN INGENIOUS THEORY.

MR. SULZER IMPUTES THE TROY MURDER
TO A. P. A. INFLUENCES.

THE MOST RIDICULOUS ATTEMPT YET TO
SHIFT THE RESPONSIBILITY FROM THE
SHOULDERS OF GOVERNOR FLOWER
AND SENATOR MURPHY.

Albany, March 12.—Mr. Sulzer's introduction of a bill to repress the "padrone" street-cleaning system of New-York was the signal for a round of speech-making. The introducer of the bill said this was the first time in the session he had asked unanimous consent to introduce a bill. He was impelled to do it because the "padrone" system of New-York was wrong. It meant the employment of Italians at \$1.50 a day by contractors who gave but 15 cents to the men who did the work. The bill had been prepared by the press of New-York City and he wished that it be placed before the House as soon as possible.

Mr. Fish had no objection to the bill, but Mr. Sulzer had forgotten to mention that the city of New-York was employing these unnaturalized tramps in preference to the citizens of New-York. He hoped Mr. Sulzer would amend the bill so that Italians not citizens should not be employed by the city.

Mr. Sulzer was glad that Mr. Fish had expressed himself as he had. He, Mr. Sulzer, was the son of a foreigner. All of the members were the sons of foreigners. The only Americans were the native Indians. No man was responsible for the place of his birth or the condition thereof. The Saviour of mankind was born in a manger, and Mr. Sulzer was surprised that the next candidate for Lieutenant-Governor should, on the floor of the House, sound the keynote of Know-Nothingism. He was in favor of foreigners. Had it not been for foreigners the shores of New-England would be as dark as they were when the pilgrims landed. Mr. Fish, he said, sounded A. P. A. sentiments.

"And, Mr. Speaker?" cried Mr. Sulzer. "I see here that the A. P. A. is responsible for the death of Robert Ross, of Troy. Know-Nothingism which was responsible for that should never appear again. What caused the trouble in Troy's Tammany Ward was not the action of the Democrats; for they conceded that ward to the Republicans. It was a contest between the A. P. A. and the Catholics."

Mr. Sulzer closed his speech by crying: "I love the old flag better than I do Ainsworth, better than I do Mr. Fish, or better than I love even you, Mr. Speaker, a candidate for Governor of this State."

Mr. Sulzer endeavored to the House for calling forth such an after-dinner speech as his friend Mr. Sulzer had made. If Mr. Sulzer said that the murder of Robert Ross was due to A. P. A. troubles he either did not know what he was talking about or had deliberately made a misstatement. If what Mr. Sulzer said was true, why was it that he did not say so?

The Democrats, too, could not understand what action the United States Senator had sent for the Ross brothers and asked them to keep their hands off the election. The Democrats, Mr. Fish said, had just awakened after a week's sleep, and were now, by the use of A. P. A. arguments, attempting to justify an atrocious murder committed in Troy. Mr. Fish did not believe in the A. P. A., in referring to the Rosses, he said, meant and said those who were not immigrants.

Mr. Ainsworth objected to the introduction of the bill for the purpose of stating that he was glad that Mr. Sulzer had begun to reform Tammany Hall. It needed reforming. Mr. Sulzer, doubtless, had come to the conclusion that the bad manner of cleaning streets in New-York was due to Tammany.

It was to be noted that after Tammany had been reformed, one should never appear again.

The chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst heard the reports, and early in the afternoon the following dispatch was sent:

New-York City, March 13, 1894.
Hon. Clarence Leinenweber, Special Committee on Investigation, Albany, N. Y.

We want to confer with your committee to ascertain what we can agree upon to justify our action.

We will come to Albany for this purpose any day this week but Wednesday, provided you same day we can have a hearing before the Senate Committee on Cities on Tuesday.

At the same time we can do the same day.

CHARLES S. SMITH,
C. H. PARKHURST,

GUSTAV H. SCHWAB.

Senator Leinenweber at that time was at his office in this city, but was not visited by the men whose names were mentioned to the telegram. Before he started for Albany late in the afternoon, he said:

"The committee is in earnest in this matter, and is still desirous of doing all in its power to meet the wishes of the Chamber of Commerce and the other local organizations in the matter of counsel and the like to be had out in conducting the investigation."

I have not cared to discuss this matter of the selection of counsel with the newspapers, because it is my opinion that there is a desire on the part of some persons to create a breach between the committee and the representatives of the local societies and to increase existing difficulties in that respect. The committee will, of course, make the apportionment asked for, and will set its time extended, so that there will be no difficulty so far as these points are concerned in pursuing the investigation.

John W. Goff met a number of reporters at the Bar Association room last evening and said:

"I consider that the time has come when my attitude in the matter should be clearly understood. Herefore I have refrained from saying anything whatever as to my position, but I will now state it is that I consider I should now state them."

On the 2d of February I received a written request from the committee to act as its counsel. On the 10th of February I wrote to Mr. Leinenweber as follows:

"Act of the 2d of February. Your committee will necessarily require a great amount of time and labor, as well as the incurring of grave responsibility, to properly conduct such an investigation. I am anxious to have the following conditions observed on them: I will accept the honor extended by your committee." The conditions were set forth in the resolution.

In response to the resolution, I visited him on the 25th of February and communicated with a majority of the members of the committee. At that conference each one of the conditions was thoroughly discussed and the committee agreed to the same.

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